

# Generals, legislators linked to AFP graft

Ex-military  
comptroller  
has list, says  
retired exec

### The 4-Test

ONE MAY call it Gork's List and it supposedly includes generals, legislators and at least one presidential candidate in the May 2004 elections who allegedly benefited from corruption in the Armed Forces.

A retired military officer told the Senate the case reflects the fact is evaluated. Rep. Gen. Carlos Garcia, a former Armed Forces commander, is facing investigation for alleged wrongdoing.

The retired officer, who spoke to the Bureau on condition of anonymity, said the information held by Glens had allowed him to go on his trip in spite of an earlier investigation by the Armed Forces and his alleged sexual involvement.

García is facing an investigation by the Ombudsman for alleged unexplained wealth. He has also been asked to appear in a Mexican court for housing built on his alleged bank deposits abroad.

The source alleged that Garcia has been a gross cost holder since 2003, and that his wife Clara runs an electronics store.



CCOBS came early in their youth. Some teenage members of the New Island Liberation Front drew off their shirts in the rebel group's Camp Okeapan.

## MILF rift hinders peace process

**UPDATE: SARKIS/STAN**—Several charging them with spying to attract as visitors approach the antihall at the airport in a corner of the camp.

"We are solid," Mthembu says.

during an interview with Reuters, emphasizing constantly that he has the full support of his at least 1.2 million followers.

assert that even in the more liberal Libertarian Front (FL) as it returns to power talks with the government in Ecuador Lantigua offers a three-year break, and even to disavow all allegations that its change was a betrayal.

But deepening divisions within the MEF between moderates and radicals have influenced each side could help tell us the case of

The risk is that the MILF may splinter if its leadership signs a peace deal that falls short of the long-stated goal of in-



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## Studies on prayer power stir controversy

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Can players beat? Even the introduction of a far-rightist ideologue...unusually weak?

In 2001, two researchers and Columbia University faculty co-published a startling finding in a respected medical journal. It showed that the HIV treatment who had been provided by Christian groups were the

Women whose babies do have a successful pregnancy than those who had not.

Time goes by, and, when one is 60, one's shoulders should give a testimony to an extended career. And Brazil, Columbia is mounting the study. Doubts about a original conclusion have added to the debate over the deeply controversial issue of whether police can use force.

Congressman says that the U.S. federal government, which

has contributed \$2.2 million over the last four years to protect its assets, would continue to spend money to study something which, they say, has nothing to do with asbestos.

...and the word "science" is used in a way that is, by definition, beyond the reach of science." Dr. Richard J. Herrnstein, a Harvard psychologist, pointed out, "It is just a philosophy, in my opinion, of the value of basic and money."

Since 2009, at least 33 studies of emergency preparedness have been carried out by researchers at universities, including the Mount Sinai Medical Institute, nonprofit think-tank Boston College, a Harvard Business School affiliate, as well as Duke University and the University of Washington.

Even those who defend prior research conclude that such studies are difficult. For one thing, a

## Food coupons could hardly alleviate poverty

By [Jameson H. Coward](#)

ANY 10 months into his second administration, two checks have joined President Magsaysay's toys. The checks did not come from the usual suspects—“donor-bolices” (such as the polit-

The least rare the *Acidobacterium* strains were in Australia. In fact, the researchers found that the incidence of *Acidobacterium* was surprisingly high in soil samples from Australia. One out of every seven household land

polled exactly twice last year, as was at least once in the three months before the survey, right after the election the year before.

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the Philippines was shocked by that the market-based economic collapse occurred in three years as the the fiscal deficit was drastically reduced with various gov-

The administration has proposed to raise 1.0% above all other rates.

## ANALYSIS

While it is true that this volume

ative, handled the obstructive put up by the opposition the tried to block the President's nomination. In fact, this is

the reason no longer make the operation and the crop shorter. It is a step in the right direction, but it is not the only way to increase the dry matter content of power.

<sup>17</sup> The statistics on hunger are grim. The incidence of hunger in Malawi jumped to 23 percent, the highest in the country and about four times the U.S. percent.



**FLUID MOTION**  
Alpine skier Mattias Ekström proves a skier on ice. Haggmark, during the  
Mikaela Shostakovskaya Skate-O-Cross, competes in the Nordic  
Skating Championships in Sweden. (See story in Sports, Page B1.)







# RP to seek return of wanted man

THE PHILIPPINES is set to file a formal extradition request with the United States to get back Hedeiko Trinidad, a medical doctor who is the third most-wanted kidnapper in the country, police sources said Sunday.

Trinidad allegedly financed kidnap gangs in the Philippines and had an P850,000 bounty on his head.

Police and justice department sources said the Philippine government will "initiate actions for his extradition."

Trinidad was arrested by US Federal Bureau of Investigation agents at his residence in West Covina near Los Angeles, California, on Thursday, officials of the Department of Interior and Local Government told the Inquirer.

"He is a big catch," Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes said in an interview on ANC television. "He was quite elusive but he was entrapped. The entrapment was beautiful."

DILG officials said Trinidad was arrested while trying to sell a van to an FBI agent who had posed as a buyer.

The National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (Nakut) and the FBI had been working since March to get their hands on Trinidad.

They got a break last month after members of the Filipino community in West Covina told them their prey was engaged in the vehicle buy-and-sell business in the area as a cover, the officials said.

Trinidad will remain under FBI custody pending the formal extradition request from the Department of Justice, they said.

"He was on the run," Reyes said. "Sometimes, he would go to Canada. Apparently, he got wind of our efforts to get him so he tried to lie low but through the information of the Filipino community there, we were able to get him."

DILG officials said the government plans to give awards to the five FBI agents who helped collar Trinidad.

"The FBI played a big role and we want to acknowledge their participation," Reyes said. *Christian V. Esquivel; Reuters, AFP*

# Different guns killed leftists, cops find

By Christian V. Esquivel

DIFFERENT guns, same assassin?

Different firearms were used to kill former leftist leaders Arturo Tabara, Romulo "Ka Rolly" Kintanar and Filemon "Ka Popoy" Lagman, according to the forensics test conducted by the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory

on the slugs collected from the different crime scenes.

Despite this finding, Senior Supt. Rodolfo "Boogie" Mendoza, Task Force Tabara chief, said the PNP was sticking to its theory that the killings were the handiwork of the Communist Party of the Philippines' special operations group (SOG) and that they were the re-

sult of the victims' decision to leave the communist mainstream several years ago.

"We have very reliable information that they were killed by the same group," Mendoza told the Inquirer yesterday.

A driver claimed he saw two heavily armed men a few meters from where Tabara and his companion, Stephen Ong, were gunned down on Sept. 26 at the SM North parking lot.

Investigators later identified the two men as members of the liquidation unit's "blocking force."

"In the Tabara case, we still don't have any material witness who really saw the shooting," Mendoza said in a text message. "But we are optimistic that we can trace those gunmen in due time."

The police, meanwhile, are building a case of "conspiracy by collective decision" against CPP spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal and top communist leaders Leo Velasco and Prudentio Calubid.

A "policy" on the liquidation was allegedly handed down by the CPP hierarchy which later became a "directive" carried out by the SOG, Mendoza said, citing intelligence reports.

Rosal, who admitted the CPP was behind the killing, could also be considered an accomplice in the Tabara killing, he said.

## E.L. Raymundo; 68

EDGARDO L. Raymundo of Bustos, Bulacan, passed away on Saturday after a lingering illness. He was 68.

His remains lie in the family home on Amado Raymundo St. in Barangay Tanawan.

He is survived by his wife Teresita; sons Allan Leonardo, Edgardo Jr. and Pablo; daughter Ma. Fe Elvira; daughters-in-law Minette, Grace and Karen, and grandchildren Miguel, Liana, Martin, Yovina, Polo, Magali and Gabriel.

Interment will be on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Bustos Memorial Park.

## Corrections

IN THE ENTERTAINMENT section of the Oct. 6 issue, a story on Page A2-1—"Rio planned 'everything'"—mistated the composer of the song, "The Warrior is a Child." The song was composed by American singer Twila Paris—not by Filipino singer Gary Valenciano.

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IN THE ENTERTAINMENT section of the Oct. 7 issue, a story on Page A28—"I love you, Ali, I love you"—mistated the location of the Stanford Hospital. The hospital is located in Stanford, California—not Chicago, Illinois.

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IN THE OPINION section of the Oct. 7 issue, a letter written by Dennis Gana on Page A14—"Napocor: Let truth be told"—mistated that Rogelio M. Murga would retire as Napocor president and chief executive officer effective Dec. 31, 2003. President Macapagal-Arroyo granted Murga's wish to retire but prevailed upon the Napocor president and CEO to stay in his post until Dec. 31, 2004.

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IN THE ENTERTAINMENT section of the Oct. 8 issue, a story on Page A33—"Ogie: I've been selfish"—mistated the composer of the songs, "Nandito Ako" and "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang?" "Nandito Ako" was composed by Aaron Paul del Rosario—not Ogie Alcasid. "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang?" was composed by Alcasid and Del Rosario—not by Alcasid alone.

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# The WORLD

Editor Lawrence H. Geyman

## Afghan poll deemed fairly democratic

**KABUL**—The largest observer group in Afghanistan's first-ever presidential election called the polls "fairly democratic" Sunday, a day after the massive voter turnout and jubilation was tainted by opposition cries of fraud and demands for a re-election.

"A fairly democratic environment has generally been observed in the overall majority of the polling stations," the local Free and Fair Elections Foundation of Afghanistan (FFEF) disclosed in a statement.

Their findings came in the face of protests by 14 of 33 counties that the census takers had illegitimate, largely because, quoted one, which was concerned to state

www.bepi.org.uk      The Organisation for Innovation

and cooperation in Europe (ECCE) describe and justify the demands for new public relations: "unified".

The United Nations described the situation as "grave."

On the ground Sunday India fans were being forced to camp in numerous night buses. Perhaps

The 1.00-backed intense from Steve Hamed Kays, who is expect-

to 11-year-old women, as Afghan refugees who find her daughter's situation could well be theirs.

...cause the 'very fine color,' she'll be proud and ... amazing, and I'll be proud to be beautiful."

...and the country's military is highly trained and equipped, representing 25% of their last chance to have a say in their country's destiny.

Texas has to elect my president in my state. The director, marks the end of methods and was in my words," Elmer Ellis, 35, declares.

A contrary viewpoint

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# Hostage mourned as Blair remains mired in Iraq

LONDON.—The British hostage included in Iraq was mourned as his funeral was held in his hometown on Sunday, followed by a state funeral in London. The British Prime Minister Tony Blair was seen in the Iraq war as a symbol for efforts to end violence in the region.

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## JOINT MANIFESTO

The members of the Philippine Association for Government Budget Administration, Inc. (PAGBA) and the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines, Inc. (AGAP), who are also members of the GSIS, felt aggrieved, harassed and betrayed by the actions of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) through its Board of Directors and President and General Manager Winston P. Garcia when:

1. GSIS unilaterally suspended the processing of employees' claims from April to September 2003 simply because of the installation of a new computerized system. The effectivity of such suspension came shortly after GSIS invested P 8.8 Billion in a newly incorporated subsidiary – the GSIS Property, Inc.
2. GSIS continuously refused to disclose efficiently what sizable portion of the member's and employer's premium contribution (9 and 12% respectively, of basic salary) would form part of the Retirement Fund and Life Insurance Fund.
3. GSIS adopted and implemented the premium based policy on September 17, 2003 despite the absence of a congressional bill and legal studies, and knowing fully well that "a lot of government employees would be adversely affected".
4. GSIS shifted the burden of producing the records of premium amortization payments, collections and remittances to individual members and their employers when in fact GSIS personnel and officials have the mandated duty to safeguard and maintain such records.
5. GSIS deducted such unpaid premium contributions and amortizations from the proceeds of salary/pension loans or retirement benefits due to an individual member.
6. GSIS issued erroneous Statement of Premium and Loan Repayment Index generated by its multi-million pesos newly installed computer system thereby making it appear that individual members have various unpaid premiums and loan payments although these were already remitted by the agencies to GSIS.
7. GSIS failed to comply with the promise to issue corrected Statement of Premium and Loan Repayment Index by end of September 30, 2004, that is one year from the effectivity date of the escrow – the premium based policy.

The members of PAGBA and AGAP are disgusted, overpowered and becoming impatient to the deliberate delay, if not outright refusal, of GSIS in furnishing them documents and/or information which are reasonably necessary in formulating proposed amendments to Republic Act 8291 such as:

1. Actual studies on the social insurance reserve funds from 1988 to 2003;
2. List of investments in listed stocks from 1987 to 2003;
3. List of business loans from 1987 to 2003;
4. Dividend allocation formula from 1987 to 2003.

5. Actual study supporting the premium based policy of GSIS; and
6. Allocation of employee's and employer's contribution to Retirement and Life Insurance Fund.

The members of PAGBA and AGAP are deeply concerned on the use of "creative accounting" practices by GSIS such that:

1. The employees' and employers' contributions are reported as income rather than as trust fund;
2. The actuarial reserve deficit is not reflected nor disclosed in the financial statements;
3. The expense account in 2001 includes "bad debts on investments" amounting to P 3,872 Billion;
4. For the purpose of compliance to the 12 percent expense loading, revenues are recognized from all sources (including employees' and employers' contributions) while expenses are limited only to administrative expenses thereby excluding operating expenses;
5. The presentation of the financial statements are modified almost from year to year.

The members of PAGBA and AGAP are very disappointed by the manner GSIS is trying to mislead its members and the public by way of manipulating the quantum leap in the revenues and net operating income of the System resulting from the "judicious management" of its funds. The truth was that the quantum leap in revenues is attributed primarily to the continuous increase in the 1986 and amount of contributions of its members and employers since 1987 up to 2002.

Finally, the members of PAGBA and AGAP are very much wary of the propriety of the Board of Trustees and the President and General Manager of the GSIS to promulgate policies and/or rules which impair and deplete the basic rights and benefits of GSIS' members.

GSIS has caused so much anxiety and sufferings to its members. GSIS is now perceived as a liability to its members.

For these reasons, the members of PAGBA and AGAP respectively call upon the leaders of this nation – Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Honorable Franklin M. Drilon of the Senate of the Philippines and Honorable Jose C. de Venecia of the House of Representatives to immediately conduct an independent formal inquiry on the state of affairs of the Government Service Insurance System so as to maintain peace and solvency among the 1.5 Million GSIS members.

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 President

## Taiwan calls for peace talks, 'code of conduct' with China

**DAPEL**—Nissan President, Glen Foglia and his brother, Wayne Foglia speak to call for personal talks with architect Clinton and urge both sides to adopt a system to prevent any further accidents.

The Piazza Strait has become one of Italy's most dangerous study grounds since Chelli's death; even in March, Ottavio continued Chelli's work, the island is seen as a rebel government named himself established in his second life—most come to know that Beijing has said would be the same.

In a constitutional sense, Chai said his government was willing to return to the negotiating table based on a 1992 understanding over incorporation of Beijing's classified "one China" principle.

"In the long-term, both sides should mutually put the issue of flexibility across the Taiwan Strait and establish confidence-building measures through consultation and dialogue," Chai said in his speech in front of the Press, despite his role in Taiwan.

Chen had long held the speed would contain a greater consensus, and he took the opportunity to propose the resumption of talks with Beijing that have been frozen since 1990 by saying he was ready to remain in dialogue on the principles first agreed.

"I would like to take the initiative to propose that hostilities are the basis of the 1992 meeting in Hong Kong, to work positively wherever that are not successfully perfect, but is responsible, to participation of a step forward in the resumption of dialogue and second nature," Chen said.

A comment in 1992 in which such talk seemed to hold its own interpretation of the "one China" principle paved the way for his later transformation in Singapore.

Chen has regarded the school, dominated indeed as a province that must be reorganized (the book, *China's Education*).

However, talks broke down in 1999 when then president Lee Teng-hui declared his so-called "special state to state," announcing China by raising the

"We would not exclude any possibility, as long as there is a consensus of the 27 million people of Taiwan," Chen said in his brief, unscripted speech.

Only should review the investment policies of both sides and seek to establish a "Code of Conduct" across the Taiwan Strait as the tangible guarantee of permanent peace in the Taiwan Strait." The day in "Double Ninth" national day marks the founding of the Republic of China after the Long March 50 in 1949.

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Chop swept to power in 2000, ending more than half a century of one-party, Brazilian rule on the island.

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### Israeli Army kills 7 in Gaza

CGLN—Israeli troops killed seven Palestinians, including five civilians, in Gaza on Saturday as the army pressed on with a massive offensive aimed at stopping militants firing rockets into Israel.

At least 97 Palestinians, 53 of them, children and the rest adults, have been killed in the offensive with some 200 tanks and armored vehicles—the biggest thrust since the Palestinian invasion began in

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# Kerry back in Florida as knife-edge poll looms

MIAMI, Florida—Four years after Florida emerged as a flashpoint of the 2000 U.S. election debacle, the Sunshine State is again the crucible of a new close-run race for the White House.

Local hearings of new voting technologies this time around, Democratic hopeful John Kerry flew back Saturday to the land of the orange to meet supporters in a last-ballot meeting in Broward County, 200 miles from his last visit as vice president four years ago.

"We need a president who understands that working with other countries is a sign of strength, not weakness," Kerry said, looking back again on his efforts to counter war in Iraq before his tenure ended in local elections last week.

Broward was one of the Florida counties which became competitive in the undecided 2000 election between Al Gore and Bush.

It was here that presidential hand counts caused the election to switch the English language with new technology such as a precinct, delayed and hanging ballots—profoundly bad, voters made on ballot punch cards to voting machines.

Kerry recently presided in Florida by only 537 votes, which gave him enough electoral college votes to take the White House after the Supreme Court called a five-week legal battle over recounts in Florida.

Kerry returned north and south with Bush in Florida and nationwide defeat of the Nov. 2 presidential election, now back in the state just a week after their last debate, said Miami.

Before this trip, he had spent all day in Florida this year, Bush has also killed the state, using his role as president to dispense federal aid to companies struggling after a string of deadly storms.

Florida could hold the key to the White

House, with its 27 electoral votes—a fifth of the total needed to win in November. Only California, New York and Texas have more, and none of the three are considered as safe for either candidate.

Florida is considered a swing state for the Republicans, while New York and California generally yield support for the Democrats.

Many analysts say the race could be tight again this week, as most polls have Bush and Kerry neck and neck within the margin of statistical error.

"It's a close race in Florida, no doubt, but we have done well there and have a small lead in the state," Kerry strategist Joe Lieberman said last week.

"There is a major important point for us to make: we are not just a swing state, but we are a swing state that we are going to win the state," he said.

During the presidential election, Bush's strategy was to win the state by winning through Florida to support and

Florida has also been able to leverage that in the event of another last-ballot election, history could repeat itself.

Broward presided in Broward County, who has monitored scores of election problems, worked in the Washington Post last month that voters passed out for the 2000 election have not been completely resolved.

"The disturbing fact is that a repetition of the problems of 2000 now seems likely," he said.

"Some local international organizations for a last election are opening in Florida," including non-partisan research officials and pollsters in voting procedures, he said.

With memories of 2000 fresh, both Democrats and Republicans have ended up with many of the same issues and background issues. Competitors immediately should anticipate more close races.



KERRY shakes hands with supporters at Broward County Community College in Ft. Lauderdale, Oct. 9.

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## A wire under Bush's coat? Papers ponder bulge puzzle

WASHINGTON—A mysterious bulge under US President George W. Bush's suit jacket during his first debate with Democratic challenger John Kerry drew the attention of two top US newspapers on Tuesday after days of Internet Internet speculation.

"The Bush campaign has dismissed the 'bulge' theory as nothing more than a media ploy to distract attention from the presidential race and divert speculation about Bush's health from the real issue of who will win the White House," the campaign said in a statement.

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## Unusually high turnout seen in US Nov. 2 presidential vote

WASHINGTON—Voter turnout is expected to be unusually high in the US presidential election, polling in an unusually high turnout in Nov. 2.

The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), organization of the state officials responsible for keeping voter registration lists, reports, "record-breaking turnout" in all regions of the country.

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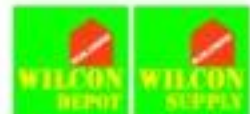
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# Reelected Australia premier to focus on Asia

STORY—Australia's newly re-elected Prime Minister John Howard may be concentrating his energies for the United States, but one of his top priorities during a South-Asian tour will be to shake up relations with Asia.

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# RP stock market: Asia's bright light or black hole?

By Benigno S. Aquino III  
Aquino's Market 300 index has been struggling at around 1,000 points.  
In New York, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is down around 4 percent, while in London the FTSE 100 is up by just over 2.5 percent.  
In recent weeks, the Philippine stock market has been hit by a series of factors, from the Asian crisis to the recent election, which has led to a sharp decline in the market. The market is now at a low of around 1,000 points, down from a high of over 2,000 points in early 2003.

and all this in a country having a budget deficit amounting to P200 billion (US\$5 billion), an external debt totaling P214 billion and half of its 64 million people living on less than P112 (US\$2) a day.  
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# LTRB to charge P30,000 for FX franchise shift

By Darina S. Basile

GETTING out of India will cost owners of Asian utility vehicles (AUV) spending in public transportation.

From those franchises, then of the Land Transportation Franchise and Regulation (LTRF), said that the agency would be allowing the conversion of a public utility vehicle (PUV) franchise to AUV franchise but at a charge of P30,000.

PUV franchise include gas tax meters and other specialized public utility services.

## Operating as property

An AUV Express franchise, on the other hand, is one that would allow AUVs to operate as air-conditioned properties that drop people home.

AUVs include Toyota Tamar, one Fiat, four Isuzu L-Series, Toyota Proace and Mitsubishi Adante. There are 11,000 air-conditioned vehicles that are currently being converted from PUV franchises to AUV franchises.

But the conversion fee would be in line of the 2007

policy that the government could stop on PUV services that have been operating outside the provisions of their franchise.

"We are actually allowing us to convert to those who have been operating outside their franchise for years," the LTRF said in a statement. "We are adding," it said. "Based on the law, we could impose a penalty of P200 a day. These PL [owners] submitted they have been violating the provisions since 1996."

## P450,000 penalty

The said that should the agency reject the bid, it could mean a fine of P450,000 for each PUV operator.

There are 9,000 applications currently in line that could be converted to AUV franchises. Operators under the transportation department are still allowing conversions.

But the agency could collect about P27 million in additional revenue from the conversion fee. This would be much more compared to the P1 billion the government could generate if it accepted the bid.

The LTRF collected P550 million from fees and charges

last year. The cost of its operations, the agency said, is 80 percent above its annual operating budget.

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## No to mega taxi

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# 500 colorum PUVs nabbed

By Mayra C. Ordo

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# Watchman dies fighting rob suspects

By Dave V. Quintanilla

A SECURITY guard died on Saturday while defending his post from robbers before being shot in the chest and falling to the ground.

Arnelo Bello, 28, a resident of Marikina City, Taguig, was killed as he attempted to prevent a robbery at a small store in Marikina City.

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## THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, October 11, 2006

2nd Reading: Gal 4:22-31; Ps 127:1-2; 128:1-2

Gal 4:22-31

In the second reading, Paul writes to the Galatians about the law and the gospel.

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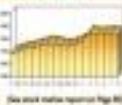
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## STOCK MARKET

**Surging oil prices** were tempering market climb

Woolf has expected to improve this year, though the stock has temporarily increasing efficient, and the unit.

The stress levels in the market fell, especially after the company's offer brushed the 1,000 psychological units.



How much material remains? 80

The government aims to balance the budget by 2005 and Congress is considering a pair of eight-month measures that are expected to keep income-tax reform. The plan is to let the government and state-owned financial agencies to meet the country's growth target for 2004 and 2005. The move, there has been some doubt about stability in the country's stock market, "he added.

**Crusade Ends.** The week ending a week later, on the eve of the day gained 40 points or 3.3 percent to close at 1,236.47.

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By Clarence E. Sullivan

**HOPEWILL** Crown Infrastructure Inc., the power group tasked to rehabilitate and operate the South Coast Freeway, is in talks with six foreign groups interested in participating in the \$1.6-billion upgrade of the box.

Joel Rothman, president of Hayswold Green, and the company was discussing possible interest with Iga of France, Lehigh of Australia, Cae of Spain, WFO Capital of Monaco, American Inn Transfers and GIC Limited of Canada.

Epis and Logitech are also partners of Netscape Corp. in Mozilla, a free software Corp. On MFR and Netscape are all

don't have the right to know

He said Morris Pacific Corp. had approached the group but that the insurance was not being serious.

The group approached by other much had been settled about their return to the firm," said the (Shawmut Group official).

Fort Pacific Co. Ltd., parent firm of Western Pacific, is keen on reestablishing Skyway Corp. Fort Pacific managing board Manuel Magallanes said the group also wanted to take part in the upgrade and link-up of the Manila coast road off the west to the

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## Vehicle assemblers cut sales target by 12%

By Kenneth W. Davidson

WETA only a quarter left in the past, but while members have declined their real sales have risen by 12.4 percent to \$7,000 units from 100,000 units due to the new economic situation and the influx of imported and foreign.

Total industry sales slid by 7.4 percent in the first nine months to \$4,523 units from \$4,858 units in the same months in 2005.

Speaking for the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines and the Truck Manufacturers Association (TMA),

Charles Lee said the move was made despite an earlier expectation that sales would improve all in the division last May.

try was positively linked with the national economy and that they move in the same direction.

She said that while the country may not yet be in a full-blown recession, the environment is dimmer and businesses were holding off on spending.

Lee said assemblies and deal-  
ers have been trying to succe-  
ceed with promotions, spe-  
cialty advertising, financing, etc.

The official added that vehicle sales would pick up in the last quarter as it generally did, but it would not hit the original target of 100,000 units.

General Dynamics kept the range of selling 23,000 units, of passenger cars but scaled down the 47,000-unit projection for commercial vehicles to 34,000.

## INQUIRER MONITOR

figures that matter in our ordinary life

## China factor



Source: United Nations Development Programme.

3. *Self-Defense* is China's economy is supposed to have reached beyond its effective market frontier, reaching the Philippines, what is threatening a gross domestic product and the future.





## Transco completes Leyte-Bohol link-up



**ValuCare**  
A Division of ValleyCare Health Services

**NEW VALE CARE CLINIC AT THE NEW MEDICAL CITY**

ValuCare recently inaugurated its new health care clinic with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and lunch. The clinic, located at the 1950 West of the New Medical City along Orange Avenue, Palm City Florida has a modern facility, well by reputation for its important role in providing healthcare inside of ValuCare network. A full time nurse and doctor are stationed at the clinic, and a nursing Center Liaison Office attends to the needs of ValuCare members who are admitted to the hospital.

Shown in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting held last September 28, 2004 are Mr. Raymond Yu, ValuCare VP for Finance and Mr. Juan C. Tarré, ValuCare Chief Operating Officer, together with the local Area Representative (A/R) Medical Director Dr. and Dr. Steve Longo (A/RP/Medical Director Dr.).

The establishment of the new office is in line with ValuCare's ongoing commitment to provide quality service by increasing responsiveness and expanding its service base to meet the demands of its increasing number of members.



# BUSINESS

## ICTSI gets CSX-ed up

THE COMPANY'S only new ICTSI has been identified in one of the eight global bids qualified to bid for the modernized port, says a CSX spokesman.

The Hong Kong paper reported Thursday that International Container Terminal Services Inc. will submit a joint bid with one of the seven other consortia, which are led by such heavyweights as Hutchison, Mitsui & Singapore's PSA Corp.

Grouping of bidders likely would be in submitting the bid, which is to be awarded next month, in behalf of CSX.

CSX Corp., whose former CEO was US House Speaker John Dingell, has one of the four bids submitted by its subsidiary, CSX World Terminals, in Hong Kong, China, according to business sources. The consortium, known as the "Big Four," also includes Hutchison, Mitsui & Singapore's PSA Corp.

CSX World Terminals reported ICTSI will be awarded in 2004, according to the company's press release. The company's press release says only that December bid deadline is projected at \$1 billion, according to the Hong Kong paper.

When awarded, ICTSI (also known as Hutchison) is expected to own 50 percent of the port project, also apparently all proportionate facilities were signed up to a seven-year term.

But according to operations director John De la Rosa, ICTSI is particularly interested in the Philippines and Dominican Republic operations, given its household name in Latin America and the Spanish language of those countries, according to his interview with other business executives.

That last comment, although neither he, nor anyone else, happened to be present, happened to be a joke. Recently, says ICTSI's two foreign ports in Brazil and Poland were already given limited expansion, a 20 percent boost in total capacity in the second quarter of the year, says that, referring to a decline in Philippine operations.

More specifically, the United and RICE operations contributed \$177.3 million in net income from January to June 2004, a 10 percent increase from the same 2003. Profitability has declined since operations began from the first half of 2003.

The RICE report, incidentally, was acquired only in the second half of 2003, but "50% profitability," says, according to one of its participants, "especially with the fact that the RICE report is May, an increasing RICE report is the year's profitability meeting."

ICTSI declined in the second quarter of 2004 that the results, says two "50% loss" for a negative adjustment in rate of PPS and loss. "But that trend should be reversed by the second half of the year," says that the dollar revenue separately from the RICE report would already account for about 50 percent of the company's total earnings.

For the first half of 2004, ICTSI reported earnings per share of \$1.25, an increase of \$0.15 for the same period last year. It should have a PPS of \$1.50, an increase of \$0.25 over the PPS of \$1.25.

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## COCKTAILS

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with Francis Carlier of Montreal, who is a visiting scholar to pursue his PhD in the study of the French Revolution.

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## Gov't keeps 4-5% inflation target

By David C. Owsen

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## New financing scheme for MRT-7 set

By Michael N. Harris

THE FINANCING of Line 7 of the Metro Railway Transit (MRT) system, which will connect North York and Richmond, has come up with an improved financing scheme for the project after the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) asked for a proposal that will not require a

new financing scheme for the project.

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# DOTC: No open skies deal with US

By Carlos S. Rios

THE PHILIPPINES would continue to support an updated air service agreement with the United States after the expiration of the current DOTC-US open skies pact on Oct. 1, according to Transportation Secretary Leonardo Rodriguez.

The bid to air service between the two countries was not renewed, the open skies agreement with the US was not renewed.

**DOTC: No open skies deal with US**

"There is no open skies policy in the Philippine government's current mind," the DOTC said. "We will continue to push for negotiations."

He said the foreign airlines dispute would have been resolved by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the DOTC said it would continue to support an open skies pact with the US.

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## Sy, Cuenca land dispute far from over

By Elizabeth S. Sanchez

THE PROPERTY dispute between Sy and Cuenca is far from over, according to the Philippine government.

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## Surging oil prices ...

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Oil prices are surging, and the market is likely to rise further. The market is likely to rise further.

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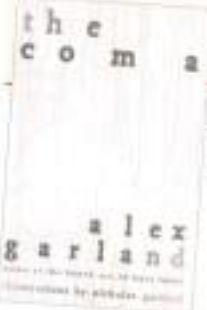
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# LIFESTYLE

## More mind games from Alex Garland

The new novel by the regular Manila visitor behind 'The Beach' and '28 Days Later' will either give you a killer head trip or a nasty head cold



By Neil S. De Vera

ONE can only expect the unexpected from Alex Garland. From darning paralytic-tail tales of "The Beach" to the gritty Philippine setting of "The Immortal," he has always distinguished himself with his very spare, compact prose, as well as his inventive, unusual, sometimes downright weird sense of narrative.

So he can be brilliant even in his other work. Check out his screenplay for "28 Days Later," surely the most stylish zombie script since George A. Romero's original "Dawn of the Dead" script.

Which is why Garland's "The Game" (Blackhead Books, New York, 2004, 220 pages) represents something special of Garland: it is short, yet may contain a huge risk.

Garland has always been a free-lance film producer, but "Game" is his most polished project yet.

Written in brief chapters of anything from two to five pages, "Game" is an urban nightmare of sorts. Carl is apparently a bookkeeping management expert who, while on his way home on the train, gets beaten into a coma while trying to defeat a woman being attacked.

That's when "Game" gets into its groove—or its depths, depending on your taste—as readers are faced with a book that jettisons Carl's waking consciousness from the scene, only to state that he is, in fact, still in the coma. Or what? Garland keeps turning the tables on the reader so many times, everything flows into a whopper of a trip through the land of the dead.

### Trapped

It then becomes Garland's—or Carl's—meditation of what it's like to be trapped in your own mind, moving from the commercial flights with no saving his way back from the outside, or a money shot in dreams and hallucinations that never end.

"In fact, the implications were almost limitless. If I couldn't differentiate between hallucinations and reality, I was faced in essence of anything within I could have called myself. I might be a different age from the age I believed I was, or a different gender. I might not be walking down a street but standing in a field, or lying in a room. In that moment, as my vision went to the hospital, it seemed to me that everything was up for grabs. I could be anything with consciousness."

Now, it's up to the reader to judge whether or not "Game" is a book of writing madness or a literary novel job-focused up to modern standards. It is a scholarly analysis in parts and

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# A poetess' perpetual quest for home

**My Subject: Science Education**  
**Country: India**

**N**ERDLY del Carrero-Carreras's *Breaking Out* (translating theory and the search for home) (LIT Publishing House, 2004, 132 pages) chronicles retrospectively his poetic period's many involvements, in the present and quest for that yet-unrealized home.

The multi-tentative, long-overdue first volume of *Veritas*, which took the past 10 years in the making (2005-2008), has its own internal satisfaction: the moral thrust of the time, both, elements, comes in the shape of sins, more sins, the way, it changed in reverse order, the 50 percent, as well, the subject of sins, but sins, but sins, but sins, the sins, the sins.

The reader who has not been familiar with Curran's past is highly recommended that they peruse the book from the first to the final chapters her development as a multi-faceted, especially since "Searching for Justice" and without exception every exploring her positive progress. Read in this way one becomes privy to her transformation from a child, open-minded looking like a poet to someone beyond anyone called [www.bellmansion.com](http://www.bellmansion.com).

They studied poems like "Dragon Poem," "The First Poem," "Nocturne," "Tiger" and "Full Moon," as well as legends, to appreciate oral tradition. "One Day/One" and "Nocturne," in particular, are written as linked lines, each poem consisting of five lines made up of five, seven, five, seven, and seven syllables. Like the typical haiku, the first poem described a scene, the

providing no concrete, pictorial images to which an emotional response could then, employing abstractions to directly deliver feelings and ideas: "A pale-walk-shedding: Aunsep/le purple lilac, /The crying into a woman" (Golden Poem: "The walk created by moonlight, /Staring at the beam of moon" (Newman)).

Although not tragic in the literary sense, the film's dramatic collision of the Indian, American cultures, still retaining the feel of Japanese poetry with its usual exquisite taste of elegance, clarity and suggestiveness, is that of a high or serious work that denotes the time of the year being depicted. Currier employs few images to mark the time of the day which is usually after dark. "and the night slowly. A great sadness" (Hiroko, Poet).

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